

Psychological Sequelae of Weapons of Mass Destruction on First Responders

Satellite Conference

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Program Objectives:

1. This program will help the participants understand the unique sociological and cultural factors that place first responders at risk to recovery from weapons of mass destruction.
2. This program will help the attendees understand the nature of stresses that precipitate emotional disturbance or sequelae in first responders.
3. We examine the data from the Tokyo sarin attack, Oklahoma City, and the second attack on the World Trade Center and look at implications for systems and management to reduce stress on first responders and their families.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Public health professionals and their partners with whom they will need to communicate in a public health emergency.

CEUs: No CEU's awarded for this program.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn **Cost:** No cost to view

Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on both Ku & C bands. You will need a satellite downlink system to view this program.

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Conference Materials: Posted on website approximately one week before the program.

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A natural disaster or terrorist event demands phenomenal resources from health and emergency professionals to work around the clock in managing the crisis. What is equally important is the post disaster period, which may have long-lasting emotional and psychological effects on the population affected.

Since September 11, 2001, the United States has been changed forever. The public watched the collapse of the world Trade Center twin towers with shock and disbelief and marveled at the heroism of New York's first responders; its firemen, police, emergency medical technicians, hospital personnel, and human rescue teams.

This program will address the effects of weapons of mass destruction on this group of civil servants and will also introduce common post disaster mental health problems and review data on principles and practices for intervention. We will look at the impact of the use of these types of weapons on the men and women in the front lines and on their families.

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